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Red River hands off refurbished HEMTTs to National Training Center

The Army Materiel Command's Red River Army Depot handed off its first set of refurbished Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks to the National Training Center in a symbolic ceremony March 29, the first vehicles refurbished under a partnership between the two organizations.

The partnership agreement calls for RRAD to provide labor, materials and warranty for the M978 fuel tanker and M984 wrecker HEMTT versions. At this time the program is funded for \$4.14 million for the fiscal year 2004.

"NTC is an important customer for RRAD. Their high-tech battlefield training sceneries assure our Soldiers are the best trained in the world," said Felix McClellan, RRAD deputy to the commander.

While RRAD and NTC have enjoyed a continuous partnership on various other programs and RRAD has successfully operated a HEMTT program for several years, this is the first HEMTT partnership shared by the two. RRAD is the sole provider of complete overhaul services to NTC. Unit level maintenance is provided by a contractor located at NTC.

"We knew we wanted the RRAD family, the Center of Industrial Technical Excellence for combat and technical wheeled vehicles, to perform the needed work on the HEMTTs," said Caesar Gaglio, HEMMT program representative from the Tank-automotive and Armaments Command, noting that RRAD approached the NTC about a year ago to see how the vehicles were performing and what could be done to service them.

Speaking on behalf of NTC, Chief Warrant Officer Mark Twigg thanked the RRAD members for "the keys to the truck." He said that the initial handoff represented a long-term effort between RRAD and NTC.

Tech transfer planning begins for homeland departments

Designated homeland defense representatives from AMC's Research, Development and Engineering Command's research and development centers and labs recently met to discuss how RDECOM can better support homeland defense and homeland security.

"The first responder technology must be a cohesive total architecture that is not just an addition of individual technologies but is a tailorable and scalable architecture that is modular, can be configured for differing levels of operation, and is open enough to allow a wide variety of new products to be easily added without discarding what was previously done," said Col. David Bongi, RDECOM acting deputy commanding general for operations.

Initial efforts will focus on federal Homeland Security agents, with subsequent expansion to local and state initiatives. Planned objectives and efforts include:

- Developing a RDECOM homeland defense/homeland security campaign plan designed to better focus the command's efforts in this area.
- Using Web-based technologies to assist in integrating and coordinating within and across RDECOM and to collect, analyze and catalog the RDECOM homeland defense/homeland security technologies that can be leveraged for first responders.
- Identifying the proponents for the emergency responder community that can define and articulate federal, state and local requirements and standards given the diversity of the emergency response operator and mission.

Did you know?

Hector V. Barreto, DoD's small business administrator, announced last week that the federal government, for the first time ever, awarded more than a quarter of its prime contracting dollars to small businesses in fiscal year 2003. Small businesses did \$62.7 billion of business as prime contractors, representing 25 percent of all prime contracting dollars -- an increase of \$9.7 billion from FY 2002.

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"When I think of Kevin Rohm, I think of three words -- courage, patriotism and valor."

~Maj. Gen. Wade H. McManus Jr., speaking about Army Field Support Command employee Kevin Rohm who has been nominated for the Defense of Freedom Medal, the civilian equivalent of the Purple Heart. Rohm was injured during a mortar attack on Camp Dogwood in November 2003.